

Code of conduct for candidates during the EQE taking place online (e-EQE)

The code of conduct (hereinafter "the code") is intended as a supplement to the Implementing provisions to the Regulation on the European qualifying examination (IPREE, OJ EPO 2019, Supplementary publication 2, 18) and to the instructions to candidates concerning the conduct of the European qualifying examination (OJ EPO February 2021).

Article 1 Obligations for candidates

- (1) During the EQE, candidates must:
 - (i) authenticate their identity when requested to do so
 - (ii) access the EQE via their dedicated personal account
 - (iii) use only hardware and software needed to connect to the cloud-based examination system
 - (iv) follow the instructions to candidates concerning the conduct of the European qualifying examination, those given in the User Guide, tutorials and other relevant documents available on the e-EQE website (epo.org/learning/eqe/e-eqe.html)
 - (v) follow the instructions given by invigilators
 - (vi) access only the materials and/or links made available in the examination system.
- (2) During the EQE, candidates must not:
 - (i) seek, accept or in any way receive assistance from any third party other than the Examination Secretariat or an invigilator
 - (ii) copy, transmit or share any examination material or their own answers outside the cloud-based examination system.
- (3) The above lists are not exhaustive and are further detailed in the instructions for candidates concerning the conduct of the European qualifying examination.

Article 2 Disciplinary measures for failure to comply with the code

- (1) Failure by a candidate to comply with the obligations defined in Article 1 may result in disciplinary measures under Rules 19 and 20 IPREE.
- (2) Where failure by a candidate to comply with Article 1 is confirmed after the EQE results have been published under Article 22 of the Regulation on the European qualifying examination for professional representatives, the grade for any papers for which the violation has been established will be changed to a FAIL with *ex tunc* effect.

Article 3 Aiding in violation of the code

Third parties must not give or seek to give any help or assistance to candidates in violation of Article 1 of this code. Any third party, and professional representatives in particular, found to have violated the code may be liable for disciplinary measures in accordance with the relevant provisions of the professional code of conduct that they are subject to.

Done at Munich, 19 February 2021, with immediate entry into force.

For the Supervisory Board

The Chairman

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